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FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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METHOD FOR IMPROVING DEPTH DISCRIMINATION IN OPTICAL REPRODUCTION SYSTEMS

The specification of which

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119
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